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Israel Likely to Have Enough Weapons for Multiple Conflicts

Although Israel, like many countries, is highly secretive about its weapons stockpiles, experts believe it could outlast adversaries in **offensives** on at least two fronts simultaneously.

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Over the last week alone, Israel launched more than 2,000 airstrikes against Hezbollah in Lebanon and continued its near-daily bombings against Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Its air defenses also fended off attacks, in one instance intercepting a ballistic missile headed for Tel Aviv.

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“It will not run out, because in the Middle East, you cannot run out of weapons,” said **Yehoshua Kalisky, a military technology expert at the Institute for National Security Studies** in Tel Aviv. “The leaders know how to calculate the amount of weapons that are needed, and what they would have to have in the stockpile, because in this jungle you have to be strong.”

Here is what we know about Israel’s weapons arsenal.

The demands on air defenses

Israel says it has been targeted by more than 9,300 Hezbollah rockets since Oct. 8, 2023. Although those attacks killed 49 people, Mr. **Kalisky** estimated that most of those rockets — 75 percent — were intercepted by Iron Dome, Israel’s vaunted air defense system.

U.S. officials reportedly assessed this summer that Iron Dome batteries could be overwhelmed in a full-blown war with Hezbollah. Analysts have estimated Hezbollah has stockpiled between 100,000 and 200,000 rockets and missiles.

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